

Thursday, April 2, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Congressional Budget Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3023–S3189

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1905–1930, S. Res. 206–209, and S. Con. Res. 88.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1609, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, to require the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress in its activities. (S. Rept. No. 105–173)

S. Res. 201, to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

S. 1723, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United States to remain competitive by increasing the access of the United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Appropriations 302 Allocations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 209, providing section 302 allocations to the Committee on Appropriations.

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ISTEA Authorization: Pursuant to the order of March 12, 1998, Senate passed H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof

the text of S. 1173, as amended, insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: from the Committee on Environment and Public Works: Senators Chafee, Warner, Smith (of New Hampshire), Kempthorne, Inhofe, Thomas, Bond, Hutchinson, Allard, Sessions, Baucus, Moynihan, Lautenberg, Reid, Graham, Lieberman, Boxer, and Wyden; from the Committee on Finance: Senators Roth, Grassley, Hatch, Breaux, and Conrad; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Senators D'Amato, Gramm, Shelby, Sarbanes, and Dodd; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Senators McCain, Stevens, and Hollings; and from the Committee on the Budget: Senators Domenici, Nickles, and Murray.

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Subsequently, S. 1173 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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Child Support Performance and Incentive Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3130, to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto, as follows:

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Collins (for Roth) Amendment No. 2286, in the nature of a substitute.

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Year 2000 Technology: Senate agreed to S. Res. 208, to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the year 2000 technology problem.

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Congressional Budget: By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 84), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 86, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001,

2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 2218, to strike section 301 of the concurrent resolution, which expresses the sense of Congress regarding the sunset of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and replace it with a section expressing the sense of Congress that important tax incentives such as those for encouraging home ownership and charitable giving should be retained.

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By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 62), Hutchinson Amendment No. 2279 (to Amendment No. 2218), to express the sense of the Senate regarding passage of an IRS restructuring bill that provides real relief for taxpayers and provide appropriate oversight as well as to express the sense of the Senate that the tax code should be terminated.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 2280 (to Amendment 2218), to strike section 301 of the concurrent resolution, which expresses the sense of the Congress regarding the sunset of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and replace it with a section expressing the sense of Congress that important tax incentives such as those for encouraging home ownership and charitable giving should be retained. (By 1 yeas to 98 nays (Vote No. 63), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

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By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 66), Bond/Mikulski Modified Amendment No. 2213, to express the sense of the Senate that the Elderly Housing program shall be funded at not less than the fiscal year 1998 funding level.

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Domenici (for Stevens) Modified Amendment No. 2253, to express the sense of the Senate regarding outlay estimates of the Department of Defense budget.

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Wellstone/Moynihan Amendment No. 2187, to express the sense of the Senate regarding a report of the Secretary of Health and Human Services evaluating the outcomes of welfare reform.

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Lautenberg (for Kohl/Reid) Modified Amendment No. 2204, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the establishment of a national background check system for long-term care workers.

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Lautenberg (for Torricelli/Jeffords) Amendment No. 2212, to express the sense of the Senate on battlefield preservation.

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Murray Modified Amendment No. 2217, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the expansion of Medicare benefits.

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Domenici (for DeWine) Amendment No. 2225, to state the sense of the Senate regarding the quality of teachers.

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Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2229, to express the sense of the Senate on education goals.

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Lautenberg (for Biden) Amendment No. 2233, to provide for the Senate's support for Federal, State and local law enforcement.

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Lautenberg (for Bingaman/Lieberman) Amendment No. 2235, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the analysis of civilian science and technology expenditures in the budget.

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Lautenberg (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2236, to express the sense of the Senate regarding long-term civilian science and technology budget trends.

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Lautenberg (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 2237, to express the sense of the Senate on long-term Federal budgeting and the repayment of the public debt.

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Lautenberg (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 2239, to express the sense of the Senate that the President should submit a generational study with the budget request.

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Lautenberg (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 2240, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the value of the social security system for future retirees.

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Lautenberg (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 2246, to express the sense of the Senate on the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

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Domenici (for Bond) Amendment No. 2248, to express the sense of the Senate regarding Immigration and Naturalization Service circuit rides in the former Soviet Union.

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Domenici (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 2250, to express the sense of the Senate regarding long-term care needs.

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Domenici (for Frist) Amendment No. 2258, to express the sense of the Senate regarding funding for the Airport Improvement Program.

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Domenici (for Santorum) Amendment No. 2263, to express the sense of the Senate regarding reauthorization of the Farmland Protection Program.

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Domenici (for Santorum) Amendment No. 2264, to express the sense of the Senate concerning health care quality for participants in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

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Domenici (for Gramm) Amendment No. 2266, to extend the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

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Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 2269, to express the sense of the Senate regarding wasteful

spending in Defense Department acquisition practices. **Pages S3061–62**

Domenici (for Coverdell/Kyl) Amendment No. 2270, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the United States response to the changing nature of terrorism. **Pages S3061–62**

Conrad (for Boxer) Modified Amendment No. 2176, to increase Function 500 discretionary budget authority and outlays to accommodate an initiative promoting after-school education and safety. **Pages S3040–42, S3067**

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 68), Brownback Amendment No. 2177, to express the sense of the Senate regarding economic growth, social security, and Government efficiency. **Pages S3038–40, S3074–75**

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 71), Kyl Amendment No. 2221, to express the sense of the Senate supporting a supermajority requirement for raising taxes. **Pages S3072–74, S3076**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 72), Nickles Amendment No. 2282, to express the sense of the Senate concerning health care quality. **Pages S3049–55, S3076–77**

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 74), Domenici (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2208, to express the sense of the Senate that any budget surplus should be dedicated to debt reduction or direct tax relief for hard-working American families. **Pages S3065–67, S3078**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 75), Rockefeller Amendment No. 2284 (to Amendment No. 2283), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3072, S3078–79**

Lautenberg (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 2226, to revise outlays and new budget authority for transportation (400) programs and allowances (920), and to strike those provisions with regard to outlays and new budget authority for programs of function 700, Veterans Benefits and Services. **Pages S3067–72, S3078–80**

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 76), Domenici Amendment No. 2283 (to Amendment No. 2226), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3070–72, S3079**

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 77), Domenici (for Grams) Amendment No. 2222, to use any budget surplus to reduce payroll tax and establish person retirement accounts for hard-working Americans. **Page S3080**

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 2262, to express the sense of the Senate on the procurement of Blackhawk utility helicopters for Colombia to reduce illicit drug trafficking. **Page S3081**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 2188, to provide additional funds for medical care for veterans. **Page S3082**

Reid/Bryan Amendment No. 2206, to express the sense of the Senate that the landowner incentive program included in the Endangered Species Recovery Act should be financed from a dedicated source of funding and that public lands should not be sold to fund the landowner incentive program of the Endangered Species Recovery Act. **Pages S3082–83**

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 79), Kempthorne Amendment No. 2285 (to Amendment No. 2206), to recognize potential alternative funding sources for landowner incentives under the Endangered Species Recovery Act. **Page S3083**

Smith (Oregon) Amendment No. 2180, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes. **Page S3090**

Lautenberg (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 2238, to express the sense of the Senate regarding tax legislation that increases the complexity of any tax return. **Page S3090**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 2243, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress and the Administration should fulfill the intent of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 and appropriate sufficient funds in each of the next five years to enable Amtrak to implement its Strategic Business Plan, while preserving the integrity of the \$2.2 billion provided under the Taxpayer Relief Act for the statutory purpose of capital investment. **Pages S3090–91**

Domenici (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 2252, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the display of the Ten Commandments by a judge on the circuit court of the State of Alabama. **Page S3090**

Domenici (for Kempthorne) Amendment No. 2265, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Market Access Program. **Page S3090**

Domenici (for Coverdell/Dodd) Amendment No. 2271, to express the sense of the Senate regarding a multinational alliance against drug trafficking. **Page S3090**

Domenici (for Mack) Amendment No. 2272, to express the sense of the Senate regarding funding of the National Institutes of Health. **Page S3090**

Rejected:

Bumpers Amendment No. 2228, to provide funding to assist states in complying with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 67), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3025–28, S3037–38**

Domenici (for Specter) Modified Amendment No. 2254, to increase the Federal investment in biomedical research. (By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 70), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3042–45, S3075–76**

Kennedy Amendment No. 2184, to increase Function 500 discretionary budget authority and outlays to support innovative education reform efforts in urban and rural school districts. (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 78), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Murray Amendment No. 2216, to increase Function 500 discretionary budget authority and outlays to accommodate both Administration investments in education and the \$2.5 billion increase assumed by the resolution for IDEA. (By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Lautenberg (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2234, to expand the uses of the tobacco reserve fund to include funding for health research, including the National Institutes of Health.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 2219, to establish a reserve fund for health research at the National Institutes of Health, funded by receipts from tobacco legislation.

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Withdrawn:

Thurmond Amendment No. 2191, to clarify outlay levels for major functional categories.

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Thurmond Amendment No. 2192, to clarify outlay levels for national defense.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 2281 (to Amendment No. 2183), of a perfecting nature.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 2183, to express the sense of the Senate concerning the enactment of a patient's bill of rights. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 73), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Kennedy Amendment No. 2185, to express the sense of the Congress regarding additional budget authority for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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Biden Amendment No. 2220, to permit the use of Federal tobacco funds to reimburse the Veterans Administration for the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses.

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Lautenberg (for Kerry) Amendment No. 2230, to ensure that tobacco reserve fund in the resolution protects public health.

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Smith (Oregon) Amendment No. 2179, to express the sense of the Senate on Social Security taxes.

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Smith (Oregon) Amendment No. 2181, to express the sense of the Senate concerning increases in the prices of tobacco products.

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Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 2186, to provide a reserve fund to pay for increased Pell Grants by reducing or eliminating corporate welfare tax expenditures.

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Lautenberg Amendment No. 2194, to express the sense of the Senate to ensure that the tobacco reserve

fund in the resolution may be used to protect the public health.

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Kerrey Amendment No. 2215, to express the sense of the Senate regarding passage of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997.

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Bingaman/Lieberman Amendment No. 2223, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for civilian research and development.

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Lautenberg (for Conrad) Amendment No. 2227, to ensure that the tobacco reserve fund in the resolution may be used to strengthen social security.

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Lautenberg (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 2231, to express the sense of the Senate supporting additional funding for fiscal year 1999 for medical care for veterans.

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Lautenberg (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2241, to express the sense of Congress regarding the right to affordable, high-quality health care for seniors.

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Lautenberg (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 2242, to express the sense of the Senate on ensuring social security solvency.

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Lautenberg (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 2245, to express the sense of the Senate on battlefield preservation.

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Lautenberg (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 2247, to express the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Finance should consider legislation to preserve social security and ensure its long-run solvency; and that no policy options, affecting either outlays, revenues, or the manner of investment of funds, should be excluded from consideration.

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Domenici (for Abraham) Amendment No. 2249, to express the sense of Congress that the Budget Act should be amended to facilitate the use of future unified budget surpluses to strengthen and reform social security, reform the tax code, and reduce the tax burden on middle-class families.

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Domenici (for Specter) Amendment No. 2255, to modify the tobacco reserve fund to allow up to \$10.5 billion to be spent on post-service smoking related Veterans compensation benefits.

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Domenici (for Specter) Amendment No. 2256, relating to the distribution of certain receipts from tobacco legislation.

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Domenici (for McConnell) Amendment No. 2259, to express the sense of the Congress that the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions of those amounts ordered by U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds.

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Domenici (for Sessions) Amendment No. 2260, to express the sense of the Senate regarding limitations

on attorneys' fees under any global tobacco settlement. **Page S3091**

Domenici (for Craig) Amendment No. 2261, to express the sense of the Senate on the eligibility of individuals suffering from post-service smoking-related illnesses for VA compensation. **Page S3091**

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 2267, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Department of Justice's pursuit of Medicare fraud and abuse. **Page S3091**

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 2268, to express the sense of the Senate regarding national response to the threat of illegal drugs. **Page S3091**

Domenici (for Hatch) Amendment No. 2273, to assume that the use of the tobacco reserve fund is consistent with tobacco legislation approved by the Senate. **Page S3091**

Domenici (for Sessions) Amendment No. 2274, to express the sense of the Senate regarding limitations on attorneys' fees under any global tobacco settlement. **Page S3091**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected motions to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of the following amendments:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 64), Allard Amendment No. 2170, to require the reduction of the deficit, a balanced Federal budget, and the repayment of the national debt. **Pages S3034-35**

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 65), Lautenberg Amendment No. 2195, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for environmental and natural resources. **Pages S3035-37**

By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 69), Lautenberg (for Daschle) Amendment No. 2244, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3055-61, S3075**

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 80), Domenici (for Nickles) Amendment No. 2257, to establish a prohibition on precatory language on budget resolutions. **Pages S3083-84**

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 82) Feingold Amendment No. 2224, to establish a disability reserve fund. **Pages S3088-89**

By 31 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 83), Lautenberg (for Robb) Amendment No. 2232, to ensure that the tobacco reserve fund in the resolution protects tobacco farmers. **Page S3089**

Subsequently, a point of order that the amendments were violations of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendments thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House com-

panion resolution, all after the resolving clause be stricken, the text of S. Con. Res. 86, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, that the House concurrent resolution be agreed to, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S3107**

Authorities: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commission, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S3181**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed for the following treaty:

Treaty with Israel on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters. (Treaty Doc. 105-40)

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. **Page S3181**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 61 EX), G. Patrick Murphy, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

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Michael P. McCuskey, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. **Pages S3031, S3189**

Thomas J. Umberg, of California, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Kermit Lipez, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Richard M. McGahey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

John Charles Horsley, of Washington, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Robert J. Shapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

Elaine D. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

Robert T. Dawson, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

Johnnie B. Rawlinson, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Melvin R. Wright, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2002. **Pages S3181–83, S3189**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ralph E. Tyson, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Bernard Daniel Rostker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Frank E. Loy, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State.

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

Nancy Halliday Ely-Raphel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

Richard Nelson Swett, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Denmark.

Edward L. Romero, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to Spain.

Rita R. Colwell, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years.

Rosina M. Bierbaum, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Diane D. Blair, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2004.

Jeanne E. Scott, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

John C. Truesdale, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

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Record Votes: Twenty five record votes were taken today. (Total—85)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 8:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:54 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, April 3, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3186.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1323, to regulate concentrated animal feeding operations for the protection of the environment and public health, after receiving testimony from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Craig Cox, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening, Annapolis; Mayor M. Susan Savage, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Patrick A. Takasugi, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Boise; C. Dewey Botts, North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, Raleigh; Michelle B. Nowlin, Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Jim Moseley, Infinity Pork and AgRidge Farms, Clarks Hill, Indiana, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Harry Knobee, West Point, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; and Tim Maupin, Rocco, Inc., Harrisonburg, Virginia, on behalf of the National Turkey Federation and the National Broiler Council.

CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine implications of the recent Supreme Court decision concerning credit union membership, after receiving testimony from Representatives LaTourette and Kanjorski; Michael S. Vadala, Summit Federal Credit Union, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; Peggy Lents, Azalea City Credit Union, Mobile, Alabama, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; K. Reid Pollard, Randolph Bank and Trust Company, Asheboro, North Carolina, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America; Neil Mahoney, Woronoco Savings Bank, Westfield, Massachusetts, on behalf of the America's Community Bankers; and Scott Jones, Goodhue County National Bank, Red Wing, Minnesota, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.

PUERTO RICO

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee met to discuss the political status in Puerto Rico, focusing on S. 472, to provide for referenda in which the residents of Puerto Rico may express democratically their preferences regarding the political status of the territory, and H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico, after receiving testimony from Governor Pedro Rossello, former Governor Luis A. Ferre, on behalf of the New Progressive Party, Ruben Berrios Martinez, Independence Party, and Anibal Acevedo Vila, Popular Democratic Party, all of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Ivan L.R. Lemelle, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, A. Howard Matz, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, George Caram Steeh, III and Arthur J. Tarnow, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Richard H. Deane, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, and Stephen C. Robinson, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Daniel C. Byrne, to be the United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York;

S. 1723, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United States to remain competitive by increasing the access of the United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. Res. 201, to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and

women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts approved for full committee consideration the following bills:

S. 1301, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for consumer bankruptcy protection, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1352, to amend Rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for depositions, with an amendment.

CHLOROFLUOROCARBON PROPELLANTS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal role in the implementation of Title VI of the Clean Air Act as it relates to the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) in metered-dose inhalers (MDI), and an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to phase out essential-use exemptions for CFC-based MDIs, after receiving testimony from John Jenkins, Director, Pulmonary Drug Products Division, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Paul Stolopman, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Environmental Protection Agency; Sharon Hipkins, Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Washington, D.C.; Nancy Sander, Allergy and Asthma Network/Mothers of Asthmatics, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia; Henry L. Dorkin, New England Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Brian Dunkiel, Friends of the Earth, Burlington, Vermont; and Dennis M. Williams, University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, Chapel Hill, on behalf of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, April 21.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1998

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on academic Plan for the District of Columbia Public Schools, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, April 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate may consider S. 414, Ocean Shipping Reform Act.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday April 21: To be announced.

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